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Midge,

Is nuclear safe? Define "safe". Are we talking environmentally, worker safety, civilian safety, etc?

Nothing is completely safe for any of the above. But consider. By not building new nuclear plants, we keep outdated 1st gen plants running well past their designed lifetimes. Further, we choose to have the waste that we have. If we recycled it, all that waste is actually more fuel, and the byproduct of using it would be far smaller amounts of far less dangerous stuff!

And statistically, despite all that, it's still the safest form of energy on just about every front.

I'm very pro-nuclear. We've had a solution to most of the worlds energy problems staring us in the face for a long time. The best argument against it is proliferation concerns. It's hard to demonstrate how great it is for your society, and turn around and tell Iran that they're not allowed to have it.

In the absence of nuclear, gas is about the best alternative.